

GTCHD NOW OFFERING THIRD COVID-19 DOSES TO SELECT IMMUNOCOMPROMISED

On Friday, August 13, 2021, the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#), voted to endorse a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for select groups considered moderately or severely immunocompromised. As a result, the Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) is now scheduling appointments for third doses of the Pfizer (12+) and Moderna (18+) COVID-19 vaccine for those that are eligible.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the third dose be administered at least 28 days after completing the initial two doses. By [visiting this link](#), a list of those considered moderately to severely immunocompromised can be found.

GTCHD encourages all individuals to consult with their primary care provider to ensure a third dose is recommended. Third dose vaccination appointments can be made [here](#).

For the week of August 23 - 27, the GTCHD's Cherryland Clinic hours are:
(1700 S. Garfield Ave., TC)

Tuesday, August 24: 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 26: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*First and second doses are still being accepted on a walk-in basis.

COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABLE AT ALL HEALTH DEPARTMENT LOCATIONS

Main Campus:

2600 LaFranier Rd., T.C.
Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Ages 12+
231-995-6131

*Call for an appointment

Cherryland Center:

1700 South Garfield Ave., T.C.
Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ages 12+

WALK-INS for first and second doses ONLY

[Make an appointment](#) for third dose

Youth Health and Wellness:

880 Parsons Rd., T.C.
Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Ages 12-21
231-922-6416

*Call for an appointment

K-Town:

112 South Brownson Ave. Kingsley
Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Ages 12-21
231-263-5895

*Call for an appointment

GTCHD CONTINUES TO OFFER *FREE* COVID-19 TESTING - APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

The Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) continues to offer **FREE** COVID-19 testing availability at its main campus. Due to high demand, an appointment is now required to get a test. To schedule an appointment, follow [this link](#).

TESTING Hours for the week of August 23 - 27:

Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1 - 4:00 p.m

Location: 2600 LaFranier Rd. Traverse City, MI, 49686

- Testing is available to anyone regardless of symptoms and is done on a drive-up basis only.
- **Due to the high demand for testing currently, testing is by appointment only.**
- Testing is done in your vehicle in the parking lot behind the main health department building.
- A doctor's order is not needed and there is no charge to be tested.
- Anyone that tests positive or is symptomatic will be offered a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test following the rapid antigen test. Tests are for diagnostic purposes (this is not an antibody test).
- Results will be delivered electronically (email/text) within two hours.



*To speed up the process, register ahead of time by scanning the QR code on the left.

CURRENT NUMBERS AND TRENDS

Grand Traverse County is reporting out on 74 newly identified cases over the last week. The 7-day case average is now 11 cases per day, compared to 3 cases per day one a month ago. As of Thursday, August 19, there are currently 278 active cases in the county.

CASES SINCE 8/12/21	DEATHS SINCE 8/12/21	CUMULATIVE CASES	PERCENT POSITIVITY (7-DAY AVERAGE)	CASES PER 100,000 (7-DAY AVERAGE)	COUNTY RISK LEVEL
74 ↓	0 -	6664	5.7% ↑	113 ↑	D

*arrows reflect an increase or decrease from the previous report," - "reflect no change

Additional statistics are available on the [MI Safe Start Map](#) and on the Health Department's [dashboard](#) and [Facebook page](#).

CDC RISK LEVEL MAP AND DATA

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) risk map, Grand Traverse County is currently categorized as **ORANGE** and is considered to have substantial transmission. Numbers are assessed by the CDC.

Use [this link](#) to see a detailed look at the data for each county.

Similarly, the MI Safe Start Map dashboard has also been updated to reflect risk levels. [mistartmap.info](https://mihighways.org/mistartmap/info)

ABOUT THE JOC

Grand Traverse County's Joint Operations Center began meeting on Friday, March 13, 2020, to coordinate efforts and communication on the COVID-19 pandemic. Members include key community partners from health, government, first responders, education, social service, and business sectors.

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